

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

P.S I agree with this pre-approved message as well as adding the following:

I am not a regular long distance user. I currently have long distance on my residence as well as my cellular. I make numerous out of country calls on my home but not on my cellular. If this tax increases as projected I will stick with an international company out of this country for my long distance and international calls that I make. My father lives in England and I have many friends and relatives in Ireland. As rare as it is that I speak with them, if there were to be a tax increase it would be more profitable in the long run for non-business owners like myself to travel rather than call or even telegraph which is still available in most European countries

Sincerely,

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